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CHANDLER MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN HOSTAGE TAKING

TUCSON – Bobby Ray Hunt, 36, of Chandler, Ariz. was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment, by United States District Judge Frank R. Zapata, in Tucson on May 14, for his role in a hostage taking incident in 2004.

Hunt, along with three other individuals, was arrested by federal agents and indicted in May, 2004 on charges of Hostage Taking. Bobby Hunt and his co-defendants held illegal aliens from Mexico hostage in a house in Tucson until their family members agreed to pay approximately \$1600 for their release. Evidence also revealed that one of the hostages was beaten by his captors.

Hunt had entered a plea of guilty on September 13, 2006 to Conspiracy to Commit Hostage Taking.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Beverly K. Anderson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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